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## GOV. HAMPTON'S FAREWELL.

HE RESIGNS AS GOVERNOR AND IS COMMISSIONED SENATOR.

Governor Simpson Quietly Inaugurated—Hampton's Letter of Resignation—He Explains Why He Did Not Resign Before—Allusions to His Feeble Health—Thanks for the Past and Hopes for the Future.

Governor Hampton's letter of resignation was received last Wednesday and he was duly commissioned as United States Senator, and his certificate of election forwarded to Senator Butler for presentation.

Governor Simpson qualified as Governor before Chief Justice Willard, the ceremony being quietly performed in the attorney-general's office, and has issued his proclamation, in which he announces that in consequence of a letter of resignation received from Governor Hampton, he has taken the oath of office as Governor and entered upon the duties of the office.

Governor Hampton's letter is as follows:

OAKLAND, S. C., Feb. 24, 1879.

My Dear Sir: In tendering, as I now do, my resignation as Governor of South Carolina, it is proper that I should give the reasons which have caused me to postpone doing so until the present time. When the General Assembly did me the honor to elect me United States Senator there were some official acts which, it was supposed, could be properly discharged only by myself. I proposed, therefore, to resume Executive authority for a few days to perform those duties, but my health has never permitted me to do so, and the recent decision of the Supreme Court renders it unnecessary for me to take any action in this matter. I can therefore now resign without any prejudice to the State or any embarrassment to myself, and in doing so I feel that I commit the Executive authority to one in every way worthy and competent to wield it.

It will always be a source of pride and gratification to me to recall my official connection with the other officers of the State. We have been in perfect accord on all the great public questions which have agitated the State, and our personal relations have been those of the closest friendship. In severing my connection with them officially, I beg to express my great obligations to them, and my earnest wishes for their prosperity and success.

To the people of South Carolina, who have done me such undeserved honor in the past, who have sustained me with such unfaltering confidence, and who have manifested towards me, during my late illness, an affection never surpassed, I have no words by which adequately to express my gratitude. I can only promise to devote whatever of life and ability God may grant me to their service, only asking them to remember that I never solicited office at their hands, and if I failed in the new sphere to which they have elevated me, it will be my misfortune but not my fault. They have placed me there, and it shall be my earnest effort to prove myself worthy of their confidence. Thanking them profoundly for their kindness to me and invoking on them the choicest blessings of God, I am, with great respect, very truly yours, W. HAMPTON.

His Excellency, GOVERNOR SIMPSON.

Fausitt has recorded a curious experiment on the resonance of flames. A tuning fork struck upon the table, and then held till its sound was inaudible, was placed in the tip of the flames of a Bunsen burner. The sound came out again loud enough to be heard at some distance. The flame acts as a resonator owing to the difference in the density of the gases which it contains.

HEALTH NOTES.—Statistics prove that twenty-five per cent. of the deaths in our larger cities are caused by consumption, and when we reflect that this terrible disease in its earlier stage will readily yield to a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup (costing 25 cents), shall we condemn the sufferers for their negligence, or pity them for their ignorance?

The widow of Charles Dickens has been dangerously ill.

## SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

A negro child was burned to death at Wild's Quater, Darlington county, last Monday.

Five hundred water oaks have been planted in the streets of Aiken within the past fortnight.

The lion business is raging in Darlington county this year. The clerk has already registered 1,476.

The fertilizer war in Spartanburg is over, and the farmers are buying fertilizers in as large quantities as ever. So says the *Herald*.

A negro woman living on the plantation of Mr. Joseph Smyer, in Chester county, recently gave birth to two children—one black and the other white.

The meat house of Mr. Turner Carter in Chester county was broken open on Thursday night, and eight hundred pounds of meat stolen. There is no clew as to the perpetrators of this robbery.

Mr. Samuel McAlilly's meat house in Chester county was broken open last Saturday night, and about three hundred pounds of meat were stolen therefrom. The thieves, to effect their object, dug through a brick wall two feet thick. Henry Wilson, a negro, has been arrested and committed to jail, suspected as one of the guilty parties.

A fire broke out last Wednesday night in Messrs. Walker Fleming & Co.'s new building in Spartanburg. The fire burned the shelves, counters and goods in the back and very badly, and but for the prompt and energetic action of the fire company, the whole block on the north side of the public square, including the courthouse, would have been consumed.

A negro woman living on the place of Capt. J. N. Huffman, in Lexington county, on Friday last left her two children about four years old in her house and went off. When she returned she found one of them with all its clothes burnt off and it so badly burned that it died on Saturday morning. The accident is reported as being the result of gross carelessness on the mother's part.

The colored men of Anderson are talking about holding a meeting and declaring war against all tramps and colored refugees from Georgia. They claim that three-fourths of the trouble persons of their race get into is caused by vagabond negroes from across the Savannah river, and say that unless something is done to put a stop to their coming they propose to take every such fellow up and deal with him themselves.

The case of the State against Isaac McLain, indicted for murder, was tried at Anderson last week, and elicited much interest. It will be remembered that this was the case where Mr. McLain, on horseback, ran over Mr. Drury Snipes near the residence of Colonel Rucker, throwing him upon the ground and causing his death. As the evidence was insufficient to prove malice or criminal carelessness, the defendant was acquitted.

The Newberry Pomona Grange met at Trinity on the 14th ult. Among other business transacted a resolution was adopted in opposition to the extra term of court ordered by Judge Aldrich for May. The Grangers say they are desirous that the dockets of the court should be cleared and the old business that now clogs it should be wound up, but declare that the month of May is not a fit time to call farmers from their farms to act as jurors and witnesses.

Gen. M. W. Gary, learning that the parsonage on Ward's circuit in Edgefield county was unfurnished, promptly and without solicitation ordered an elegant chamber suite of walnut furniture from a dealer in Augusta and donated it to the parsonage. The furniture has been received and placed within the building. At the Quarterly Conference recently held at Batesburg, the Presiding Elder, Dr. E. J. Moynard, publicly returned the thanks of the Conference to General Gary.

A colored girl about eleven years of age was burned to death on the plantation of Mr. S. McCully in Anderson county one day last week. She, with several smaller children, had been left alone by their parents, and while playing around the hearth her clothes caught on fire, and becoming frightened she ran to the residence of Mr. McCully, a distance of a quarter of a mile, her clothes being almost entirely burnt off when she reached his place. She survived only a few days.

The sheriff of Darlington has captured Ben James and Robert McCall, two of the prisoners who escaped from jail recently. It has leaked out, as predicted, that the tools with which the prisoners recently made their escape were passed into them through the window from the street. A blanket was torn up and strings made by some of the prisoners in the passage, with which the tools were drawn up. Mary King, it is said, was instrumental in getting up the necessary tools and effecting the arrangements for the escape.

An experienced detective in the garb of a tramp has been operating around Anderson for many days, and has succeeded in capturing several negroes, who, it is supposed, were implicated in the burglary of Mr. Kennedy's store. One, a negro called Bob, but whose real name is Mason Dykes, is an escaped criminal from Georgia, for whose capture a reward of fifty dollars has been offered. He made a confession to the detective in jail, implicating several parties in the burglary already mentioned, some of whom are now in custody.

One day last week a colored man named Saul Booser came to his death in a horrible manner, while cleaning out a well in Newberry county. He was in the well, other parties drawing up a large tub filled with rock, taken from the well. The tub was placed upon a plank across the mouth of the well, which plank broke, the whole weight of the tub and its contents falling on Booser, breaking his head in a fearful manner. Booser was a good Democrat, never having voted the Republican ticket in his life.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—We learn that one night last week, Mr. Martin Williams, who lives on Clark's Fork, and is engaged in merchandizing, while riding in a buggy alone in the vicinity of King's Mountain battle ground, was overtaken by a white man—a stranger to him—who asked permission to ride. The request was granted, and the occupants of the buggy had not proceeded far until they were met by a party of four men, one a negro carrying a gun. Mr. Williams was assaulted by this party, knocked senseless, and robbed of what money he had with him—about ten dollars. He was left in an unconscious condition, lying in the road, and subsequently his horse and buggy were found some distance from the scene of the outrage, the horse tied to a tree, where it had evidently been driven by the band of robbers. It is thought that the man who asked for a seat in Mr. Williams' buggy was an accomplice of those whom they afterwards met. As soon as Mr. Williams regained consciousness, he went to the house of Robert Caveny, near by, and related the circumstances. Mr. Caveny accompanied him in search of the robbers, which, however, resulted only in the discovery of the horse and buggy as stated above. Mr. Williams, though stunned by the blow he received, is not dangerously hurt.—*Yorkville Enquirer*.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.—The case of the State vs. Alf McNinch, John Blackwell and J. L. M. Irby, charged with the murder of Wm. C. Kilgore, was tried in the Court of General Sessions at Laurens last week. Upon motion of the Solicitor, the defendants were severed in their trial. McNinch was first tried. The trial began Thursday morning and terminated Saturday night. The jury were out about three quarters of an hour and returned a verdict of "Guilty." On Monday Irby's case was called, and his counsel were about to move for a continuance, when the Judge asked if the defendant was in court. Upon it being ascertained that he was not present, the Judge ruled that in order to hear any argument on the point of a continuance it was necessary that the defendant be present in court, and ordered that he be called. No answer being made to the crier's call, the Solicitor moved at once for a bench warrant, which, after due search by the sheriff, was returned with "non est inventus" endorsed on it. Irby had gone. His bond was for \$3,000. On it are five or six of the best citizens of Laurens county. It is said that Irby put up the money, before he left, to pay his forfeited bond. Nothing has been heard of Irby since his departure. Governor Simpson offers a reward of \$150 for his arrest.

Murat Halstead has recently become sole proprietor of the Cincinnati *Commercial*.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

A Macon man dropped his pistol the other day and shot his washwoman through the jaw.

The Democrats and Greenbackers of Boston have consoled, and nominated George Walker for mayor.

A Philadelphia firm has received large orders for machine tools from France, England and other foreign countries.

There is some life yet left in Memphis: The Masonic Temple is being finished, and work on the custom house is being prosecuted.

Bogardus broke one thousand balls in sixty-four minutes at the fair grounds in New Orleans one day last week.

The King of Siam has a body guard of 400 young, strong and handsome women. They are called on the hills "The No Stocking Brunettes."

There is a rumor that Secretary Schurz is engaged to marry one of the daughters of a highly-placed officer of the Government.

At Boston Miss Reynolds, who attempted to walk 3,000 quarter miles in 2,000 quarter hours, after completing 791 quarter miles withdrew at two o'clock on Thursday morning and the contest was given up.

The Little Rock *Gazette* opposes the nomination of Tilden in 1880, and expresses the belief that in this it expresses the almost universal sentiment of the Democracy of Arkansas.

Judge Alexander Rives is holding United States Court at Danville, Va. Five county court judges have been indicted by the grand jury for failing to allow negro jurors to serve. Great indignation prevails.

The making of condensed milk in Switzerland is very profitable. The Anglo-Swiss Company last year cleared \$300,000, and, after setting aside half of this as a reserve fund, declared a dividend of 18 per cent.

Fifteen thousand people attended the Arion masked ball in New York last Friday evening. The German minister to the United States and the leading city officials, including Mayor Cooper and ex-Mayor Ely, were present.

A dispatch to the *Gulveston News* from Mason, Texas, says that on Thursday night a stage with four passengers was halted near Pegley Station by two highwaymen. The passengers were ordered out singly, their valuables taken from them, and the mail bags rifled.

A decision has been rendered by the attorney general that Congressmen elect are entitled to the franking privilege from the commencement of the term of service whether sworn in or not. This gives members elect to the Forty-sixth congress that privilege from the 4th of March instant.

A little negro child, about ten years old, killed his baby brother a few days since in Warren county, G. His mother made him nurse the baby against his will, and when she returned from washing clothes, found the baby in convulsions, with marks on his face, showing where it had been bruised and beaten.

The will of Mrs. Emily Grace Nathan, widow of Benjamin Nathan, whose murder caused such a sensation, was filed for probate in the New York Surrogate's Court last week. After leaving money to various Hebrew charities, she decrees an equal division of her estate among her children. The will contains a provision that should any of her children marry outside of the Hebrew faith their share of the estates is to be forfeited.

The Duval Savings Bank at Jacksonville, Fla., was robbed last week of \$3,500. A man drove up to the front of the bank, called out President Abbott, the only person in the bank, and engaged him a few moments in conversation. A confederate meantime entered by a side door and took the money from a drawer. The police arrested a man on suspicion, and found \$800 on his person. He has confessed and two other arrests have been made.

A Washington telegram, dated last Friday, says: "The Cabinet session to-day was mainly devoted to the Chinese question. It is announced authoritatively that the President will veto the pending bill, and in this he will be supported by the entire Cabinet. The veto message will be sent to Congress Saturday or Monday."

A dispatch from Nelsonville, Ohio, states that the house of J. M. Sunsford was burned on Saturday morning. Mr. Sunsford and six of his children were burned to death. His wife and one child escaped.

The Mayor of Sheffield, Eng., stated at a meeting last week that in one district of that town there are four thousand persons destitute and four hundred families actually starving. A relief fund has been formed.

John Miller, a well known resident of Memphis Tenn., was assassinated on Saturday night at his country residence, fifteen miles from Stanton, Tenn. He was shot by an unknown party lying in ambush, who fired at him with a shot-gun as he appeared in his door.

In Portsmouth, Va., on Friday morning, the body of a youth named Alexander T. Winn, eighteen years of age, was found in an outhouse, perfectly naked, hanging by a short rope and perfectly lifeless from strangulation. It is supposed he committed suicide, though some of his friends surmise that he was murdered. Winn was the promising son of a widowed mother. No cause is assigned for the rash act.

MURDERED FOR HIS GOLD.—A dispatch to the Memphis *Avalanche* from Iuka, Miss., gives the following account of a double murder perpetrated near that city last Wednesday: Major A. M. Hutchens, accompanied by Thomas McNatt, both highly respected citizens, left Iuka together in the afternoon to go home, being neighbors. Hutchens had drawn \$1,700 in gold from the express office, sent by a Cincinnati house to be used in purchasing a farm. Late in the evening McNatt's horse reached home riderless, with blood marks on the saddle. This aroused the suspicions of McNatt's family, who feared foul play, and a search was instituted, which revealed the dead body of McNatt, terribly mutilated, about two miles from his home. One hundred yards farther on Major Hutchens' body was found in like condition. It is thought that some parties who knew of the gold being at the express office waylaid and murdered both men in order to secure the money.

## DR. C. H. LADD,

HAVING returned to Winnsboro, and resumed the practice of medicine, offers his professional services to the citizens of the town and county.  
Office in Bank Range, up stairs, next to News and Herald office. Entrance on Congress street. mar 1-13m

## AUDITOR'S SALE.

By orders from the Comptroller General, the following tracts or parcels of lands, or as much thereof as shall be necessary to pay the taxes, costs, and penalties for the fiscal year 1877, will be offered for sale by the Treasurer of Fairfield county, in front of the court-house door in Winnsboro, on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 1879.

TOWNSHIP NO. 10.

Mrs. E. K. Anderson, 1457 acres.

I. N. WITHERS,

Auditor.

February 22, 1879.

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